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Born Again! How??

If you want to become born again, you must become this way God's Way.

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I recently marveled at the fact that no matter whom I asked, no one could tell me how to become born again! I'm not talking about those with whom I currently fellowship. I am talking about good Christians from outside my group. To this day, I have never been given the accurate, biblical answer to this question. How to become born again is answered clearly in the book of Romans, chapter ten.

Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

The very words that allow you to become born again are called the "word of faith." "Faith" means, "belief or believing." As you hear the words that will soon follow, you are to believe and act upon them. Verse nine tells us how to become born again.

Romans 10:9-10 (9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine



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heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

You are given two things to do:

- 1. Confess Jesus as your Lord.**
- 2. Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.**

These have to be the two easiest things in the world to say and believe; yet most people have never even read them. When I ask how do you become born again, I hear things like "I don't know," or "I have to confess all of my sins," or "I have to live a good life and go to church each Sunday," or "I have to give to the poor" or "I have to do something with these beads every week," or Here's an Internet example of the gross misleading instructions honest, sincere, God-seeking people find themselves under:

"Father, I thank You that Jesus died for me. I confess I have broken Your laws. Forgive my sins. I receive the pardon right now. Lord Jesus, come into my life. Give me a new heart with new desires. And by Your Spirit, give me the power to live a life that is pleasing to You. Thank you for forgiving me as You promised. Thank You for the gift of eternal life." See 1

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After you prayed this prayer, the same writer stated the following:

“If you prayed this prayer - prayed it with sincerity and a true heart - then you can be assured that the Lord has prepared a place for you in heaven.” See 2

Sincerity and a true heart are the criteria in this example. Yes, you must mean what you say and do, but you must say and do what Romans 10:9 says to do, not what some rogue scholar thinks you ought to do. Biblical actions must be backed with biblical specifics. Otherwise, they simply don't fly. They won't work.

Another well-meaning writer wrote the following, actually getting a little closer to the truth:

Right now, why not make your choice and call upon the Lord. **"Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** (Romans 10:13). Do not leave this web page without knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. You can pray right now and invite Jesus into your heart; then you will know you are on the right road to Heaven. See 3

He says that you should pray right now and invite Jesus into your heart, and if you do, you will know that you are on the right road to heaven. I'm sorry, but this is not all that is involved. You must actually carry out Romans 10:9. Will God honor the ignorance of our biblical scholars and teachers? I hope so, but I do not know. That is His business. As far as you are concerned, follow verse nine and you will be just fine!

Don't you worry for a moment that you could lose what God has done for you. You never can!

I should have recorded all of the different things I have ever heard because you too would be amazed. The most common response is, “Well, I think I have to be good, but I really am not sure.” Let's bring a stop to this nonsense now and forever. To become born again, you only do two things: 1. Confess Jesus as your Lord and 2., believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.

This is truly an act of believing, hence the usage of “word of faith [believing]” in verse eight.

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

When you confess Jesus as Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead, you believe on him [Jesus Christ]. The words, “shall not be ashamed” mean, “shall not be disappointed in his expectations.” Once you hook up with God, you will never be let down, for at the moment you complete these two easy things, you receive a gift from on high. God creates spirit in you, something that can never be removed, altered, or changed.

Now, if you are hooked up with a group that tells you that you CAN lose eternal life, you are going to have to make a decision. God never tells you that you can lose his creation within you. Only man is stupid enough to contrive something like that, but it's really not man, its satan. Of course he doesn't want you to walk in all of the greatness of the new birth. He's your enemy. But God does want you to walk in all of the greatness of that creation. He's given you incorruptible seed.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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what God has done for you. You never can! And another thing. If you think you aren't good enough to be part of God's family, you're wrong. No man is so bad that God doesn't want him. God must be your first choice, a choice that becomes the best choice you could ever make!

1 Timothy 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Romans continues by teaching us that there is no difference between people who believe. It uses the Jewish and Greek people as examples. This is a far cry from what we see in groups today. Everyone has to have a position and status and a ladder to climb. According to God's Word, anyone has the right to salvation!

Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

The Jews used to be God's chosen ones. That is no longer true, although that will change one day. Right now, the only chosen people of God are ones who become born again. No

matter who you are, when you make God your first choice and become born again, you shall be saved.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **saved**.

"Saved" means, to be "made whole." The Greek word means, "to be safe." What do you become "safe" from?

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You are saved from your sins:

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall **save** his people from their sins.

You are saved from being lost:

Matthew 18:11 For the Son of man is come to **save** that which was lost.

You are safe from sickness:

Mark 5:28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be **whole**.

Mark 5:29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

You are made safe unto his heavenly kingdom:

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will **preserve** [save or make safe] *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

You are safe to the nth degree – simply nothing gets missed:

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to **save** them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Your soul, your life, is made safe:

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and *superfluity* of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **save** your souls.

And, you are saved from the

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wrath to come:

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be **saved** from wrath through him.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which **delivered** us from the wrath to come.

There is a wrath coming, from the likes of which we are safe. There are many who speak of the wrath mentioned in the book of Revelations as something we can decide upon. They speak of things like “it has happened already,” or “we are going through it now.” I am here to tell you that it hasn’t yet happened even if your life is so abused by satan that you feel it has. What you feel now has nothing to do with the movement of God then. One day, God will release His wrath upon this earth via His angels upon the armies of satan. But that day has not yet happened. And when it does, you will be safe from it, because you will be with Jesus Christ, and where Jesus Christ is, that will be a good and safe place! If you fellowship with people that teach otherwise, leave a copy of this Artios Letter and get out. God would never subject you to

such trauma. You are His child and he loves you now and forever! Interestingly, I find that many Christians are afraid to say NO! If you are listening to inaccurate biblical teachings, learn to say NO. You’ll be a lot better off in the long run.

With all of this great news, how can people learn more about it? That part is up to you. It is up to you to get out and tell them!

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then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Someone has to be willing to preach this word of faith. To preach means, “to herald forth.” This means that you must be willing to speak these great

words to others. There are still plenty of people willing to believe and become born again. In fact, I just met one a couple of weeks ago and he is getting ready to take our foundational biblical research class! The real problem is what Jesus said when he said “The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few.” Matthew 9:37

What can you do? You can make it a point to tell people these truths, the very words of salvation that allow them to make God their first and only choice. Are you waiting to be sent?

If you are, then wait no longer for I SEND YOU!

You are now sent. Now your beautiful feet can walk forth and your lips can herald forth the gospel of peace, the word of faith, the very words of salvation. How does someone become born again? They confess Jesus as Lord and they believe that God raised him from the dead. That’s it. How do they hear this? From your beautiful lips. So get busy walking and speaking!

God bless,

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